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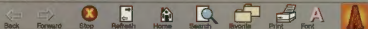
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THE TRUTH IS AT LAST
REVEALED! IT WAS NOT THE
LATE DOCTOR ROBOTNIK
WHO HAS SECRETLY PLAGUED
YOU THESE PAST MONTHS, SONIC--

NO,
IT WAS
I--

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ROBOTNIK!



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I AM THE EGGMAN!



THOUGH "ROBOTNIK-MACH2" HAS A NICE RING TO IT, DON'T YOU THINK?

WE'RE TRAPPED!

IT'S SOME SORT OF ENERGY FIELD, TAILS!

I CALL IT THE "EGG-CELL" AND I'M SURE YOU'LL AGREE THAT IT WILL PROVIDE EGG-CELLENT ACCOMMODATIONS FOR THE DURATION OF YOUR STAY!

MUH DADDY USED TO HAVE A SAYIN'... "SOONER OR LATER, EVERY EGG GETS HATCHED!" OR IN THIS CASE...

...CRACKED!

YEEAAARGH!

BUNNIE...? WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO YOU, MACHERE?

AHH... SUCH HEARTFELT DEVOTION FROM THE COWARDLY COYOTE. DON'T FRET-- SHE'LL LIVE TO ANNOY YOU ALL WITH HER ACCENT ONCE AGAIN.

HER ROBOTICIZED ARM ACTED AS A CONDUCTOR WHEN SHE STRUCK THE CELL'S ELECTRICAL FIELD! SHE'S OUT COLD FOR NOW, BUT SHE'S LEARNED HER LESSON!

WHAT'S YOUR GAME, ROBO-ROBOTNIK? YOU'RE A ROBOTICIZED VERSION OF ROBOTNIK FROM ANOTHER ZONE...

Alternate reality-- TFS



...BUT I
THOUGHT YOU
WENT "NASTA
LA VISTA,
NISTA!" WAY
BACK
WHEN!

MY METALLIC SHELL MAY HAVE BEEN
DESTROYED DURING THAT BATTLE...



...BUT MY
MEMORY
SURVIVED
HEDGEHOG!

* W00000Y B00K WH0N TH0
S0N1C TH0 H0DGEH0G #1 R--JTG

"AFTER I RETURNED TO MY OWN
FUTURE, MY CYBERNETIC CONSCIOUSNESS
REMAINED TRAPPED ABOARD AN ORBITAL
SPACE STATION, FACING INEVITABLE
SHUT-DOWN."



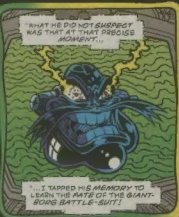
"I WAS IN THAT PRECINCTMENT
FOR YEARS, UNTIL YOUR
REALITY'S ROBOTNIK
BECAME STRANDED IN MY
ZONE."



"WITH THE TECHNOLOGY
AT MY DISPOSAL..."

"...I WAS ABLE
TO RETURN HIM
HOME!"

"It happened
back in the
22-240



"WHAT HE DID NOT SUSPECT
WAS THAT AT THAT PRECISE
MOMENT..."

"...I TAPPED HIS MEMORY TO
LEARN THE FATE OF THE GIANT-
BORG BATTLE-SUIT!"



"IT WAS GIANT-BORG WHO HAD
GIVEN ME ULTIMATE POWER ALL
THOSE YEARS BEFORE* AND IT
WAS GIANT-BORG WHO COULD DO
SO AGAIN!"

* Again, see 147, # 19

ROBOTNIK'S THOUGHTS REVEALED THAT ALL OF THE BATTLE-SUIT'S COMPONENT PARTS HAD BEEN DISPERSED ACROSS VARIOUS ZONES.

"AFTER LOCATING THE PIECE THAT HAD LAIN DORMANT IN THE FUTURE REALITY WHERE I WAS TRAPPED, I REBUILT A SUITABLE BODY FOR MYSELF.

"LIKE 'SONIC' ARE NEGADE CREATION OF MINE, I WAS NOW ABLE TO RETURN FROM OBLIVION BY USING THE POWER OF TECHNOLOGY.

"WITH THAT GOAL ACHIEVED, I IMMEDIATELY SET ABOUT DEMASTATING THE FACE OF THAT FUTURE ROBOTROPOLIS... INCLUDING ITS ROYAL FAMILY!"

"MY VICTORY WAS COMPLETE UNTIL I LEARNED THAT YOUR REALITY'S VERSION OF ROBOTNIK HAD BEEN ULTIMATELY ANNIHILATED!"

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"I HAD ERADICATED MY SONIC, WHILE YOU HAD HIDDEN YOURSELF OF YOUR ROBOTNIK! THUS I TRAVELED THROUGH TIME AND SPACE...

"...TO FILL THE VOID LEFT IN BOTH OF OUR LIVES!

"YOU'RE EVEN NUTTIER THAN THE OLD ROBOTNIK, RO'BUTT'NIK, AND I STILL DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY YOU NEEDED EIGHT SATELLITES OF DESTRUCTION TO GET OUR ATTENTION!

"WHY NOT JUST COME OUT AND SAY, 'HEY EVERYBODY... I'M HERE! I STINK!'"

BLUSTER ALL YOU WISH, ROBOT-- IT WON'T HELP! THE SATELLITES WERE MEANT TO TEST YOUR PROWESS AND LURE YOU AWAY FROM ROBOTROPOLIS!

"LURE US AWAY FROM HOME?"

"WHEN... WHAT HAPPENED?"

"WHY DO THAT?"



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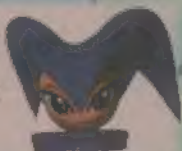
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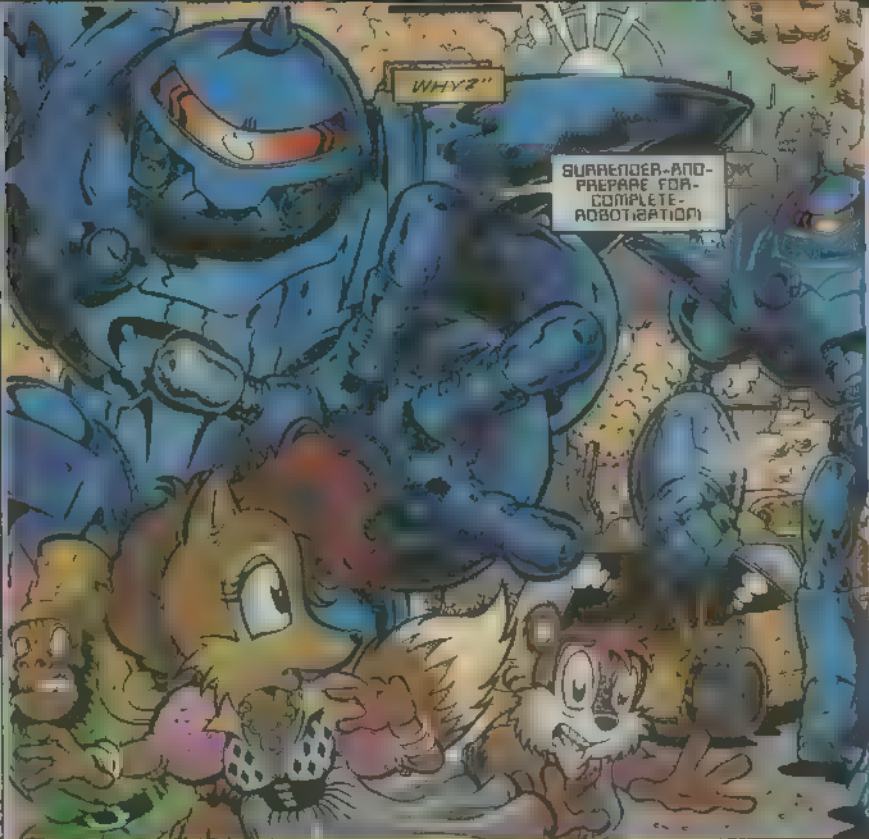
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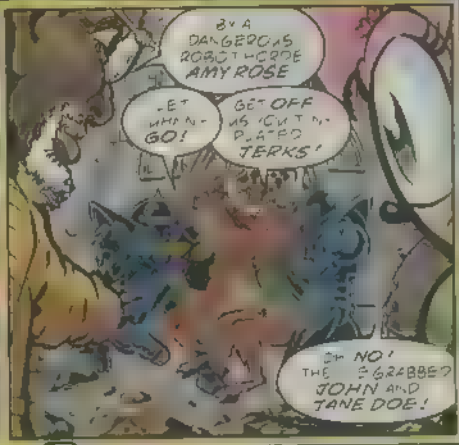
WHY?

SURRENDER-AND-
PREPARE FOR-
COMPLET-
ROBOTISATION!



WHATS
HAPPENING
NATE?

ROBO-ROBO- &
UNDER SIEGE

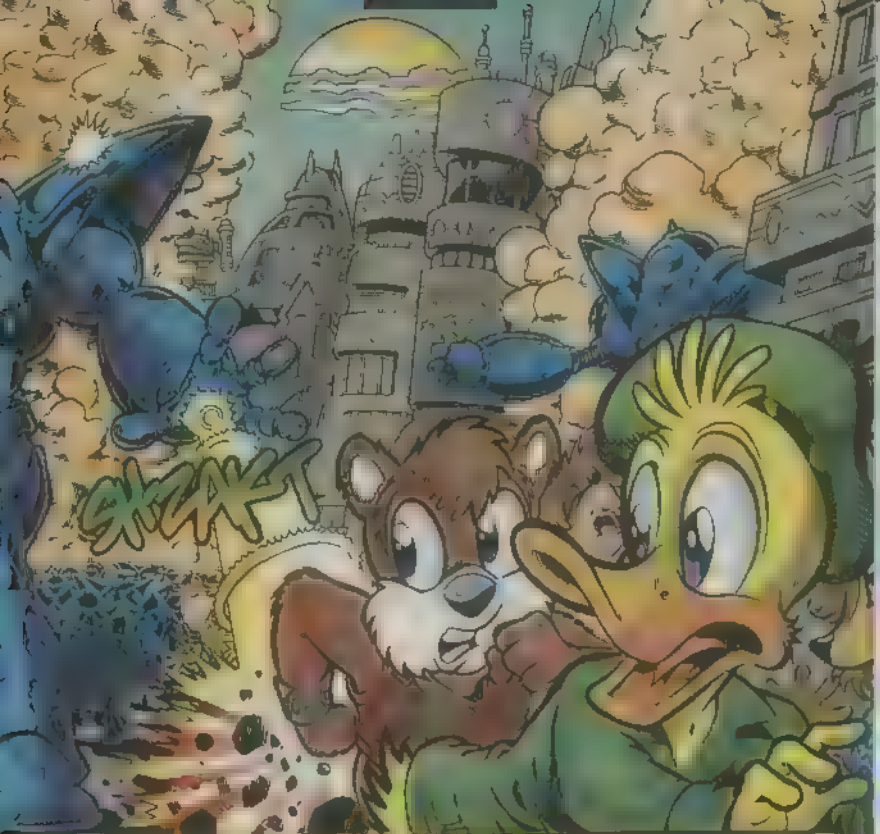


BY A
DANGER AS
ROBOT WERE
AMY ROSE

ET
WHAN
GO!

GET OFF
AS CUT N
DIED
TERKS!

OH NO!
THE 3 GRABBED
JOHN AND
TANE DOE!



CAST & RETURN

IS TRUE SRE OUR CITY IS BEING ATTACKED BY NEW AND IMPROVED SMART BOTS! NOWHERE S SAFE!

KING MAXIMILLIAN I DON'T UNDERSTAND SNT DOCTOR ROBOTNK-

VERA NOL
GEOFFREY?

SO WE HAD BELIEVED BUT REYL APPARENTLY CONTINUES I WANT YOU AND YOUR AGENTS TO ORGANIZE A LOT OF GROUND TROOPS

AIDE JACQUELLE
YLL AND TO KNOWT HOLE VILLAGE AT 7 ICE THERE THEY WILL BE SAFE

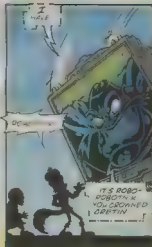
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ANY ROSE YOU MUST GATHER YOUR A LONG HAS QUICKLY WE HAVE TO LEAVE THE CASTLE AT ONCE

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A CAREFUL MOVING
QUEEN ALICIA S STAS S TUBE MEN- HE S VERY ILL AND THAT EQUIPMENT IS VERY DELICATE!

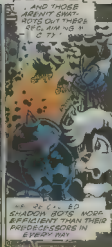
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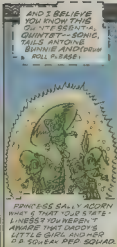
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IT'S ROBO-
ROBOTN K
YOU CROWNED
ORNTIN



AND THOSE
AREN'T SHAT.
NOTS OUT THERE
REG. AM NG N
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HE RE CAL ED
SHADOW BOT. MORE
EFFICIENT THAN THEIR
PREDECESSORS IN
EVERY WAY



AND I BELIEVE
YOU KNOW THIS
QUINTET--SONIC,
TAILS, ANTOINE,
BUNNIE AND DREW
ROLL PLEASE!

PRINCESS SALLY ACORN
WHY'S THAT YOUR STATE-
LINESS? YOU WEREN'T
AWARE THAT DADDY'S
LITTLE GIRL AND HER
OB SCHEAF PED SQUAD.

WAT'ER D HOWD
TO MOBING ORBIT
TO PAY ME A LONG
OVERDUE VISIT?
WHAT A POOR FATHER!
DAUGHTER RELATION-
SHIP

WELL, MAYBE THINGS
WILL BE DIFFERENT
AFTER I'VE ROBOTICIZED
HER



"BOB" K
"EULIAN PLEASE
GRADE THE
CH -OREN
IN THEIR
STEAD I
OFFER
VVSSELF

WAT'ER D ALL JES VE
A MOMENT TO CONSIDER
YOUR PROPOSAL
ROBOTIC IN THE MIDDLE
SOME BRATS



SKETHOOM

SORRY SCOT, I'D
DICE I WY SETTLE
WHEN I CAN HAVE
TALL 2 GET THEM
IN SHADOW BOTS

ON 2ND
DO NEED AG
CATE EYE
BEHIND
HIS

NOTHING
BETTER SAFE.
REMOVED 1000
THE MED LAB 2
THE CRYOGEN
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STASIS THERE
ARE 5
MORE .P

MAYBE THESE
SHADOW BOTS
COULD DOWN THE
BT OF

" COLD
STORAGE "

AND RIGHT
EVERYONE
LET'S GO

OF F-O-U-R THE MISSING
ROBIANS' GEAR AND AFTER
HE GETS OUTTA THE EGG-CELL
WE CAN HELP THEM

THE ROBOT'S 285 HIGHER MATHS AND
WASHER FROM KNOXVILLE VILLAGE A 50-19-75 256

I'M NOT SURE THEY WANT
TO BE HELPED SONIC--ROBO
ROBOTNIK HAS ROBBED THEM
OF THEIR WILL TO DO ANYTHING
BUT OBEY HIS COMMANDS!

SHE'S RIGHT AS ACID
RAIN ON THAT COUNT
ROBOT--BUT IF YOU'RE
HAVING A DIFFICULT
TIME BELIEVING HER

...I'VE RETURNED WITH A
FEW FAMILIAR FACES JUST
IN CASE YOU NEEDED TO
HAVE THE POINT BROUGHT
HOME TO YOU

MEET THE NEWLY RE-
PROGRAMMED HEDGE-
HOG FAMILY SONIC--
YOUR MOTHER YOUR
FATHER YOUR UNCLE
AND EVEN YOUR PET

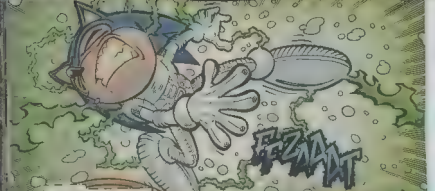
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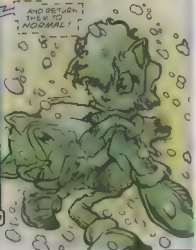
THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR
CANNON HAD SOMEHOW GRANTED
ROBANS WHO WERE IN CLOSE
PROXIMITY TO ITS EFFECT

THEIR
FREEDOM OF
WILL

AND DEC 6TH 500 500 SUPER SPECIAL 00 376



FOR MONTHS
RAIPALY DEDUCED
A WAY TO REMOVE THAT
BUS FROM THE D
SYSTEMS



AND RETURN
THEM TO
NORMAL!



OR LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO FACE HIS MAJESTY'S SECRET SERVICE!

BOMB-- SHOW THEM WHAT I MEAN!



GET THOSE KIDS OUTTA HERE TEAM! I'LL HOLD THE BOOTS OFF!

VALDER!

WE MUST GO TO HIS AID OR--

WE MUST GET EVERYONE TO SAFETY BEFORE THE NEEDS OF THE MANY OR WE SHUT THE NEEDS OF THE FEW



YEAARRHH!

PLEASE SONG - STOP!
YOU'RE ONLY HURTING YOUR
SELF! THERE'S NO MIGHT

IF GOTTAKED
TRYING SAL AND I
WON'T GIVE UP.

OTHERS SE
ROBOTIC...
HE WON!

HE'S TAKEN AWAY MY
FAMILY SAME AS HE DO
WHEN I WAS LITTLE, IF HIS
ROBOTIC ZES ARE TOO.

NEVER
BE ABLE TO
SAVE
THEM

THEN I'LL PROVE
THAT'S ANOTHER
REASON TO SEE YOU
RELEASED FROM
THAT PRISON!

WE'RE
FREE!

BUT WHO'S
RESPONSIBLE?!

I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT

SMELL!

GUILTY AS CHARGED
HEDGEHOG
UNLIKE THE
PRISON BREAK
FROM DEVIL'S
ISLAND.

THIS IS
ONE ESCAPE
THAT I CAN
TAKE FULL
CREDIT FOR

*See SHR 62 - TFS

WE'RE NOT BUYING IT
EASILY. NO WAY ARE WE
GONNA TRUST YOU--YOU'RE
ROBOT X'S BROTHER
NEPHEW!

DON'T BE
FOOLED--THAT
MONSTROSITY SENT
THE UNCLE JULIAN
I KNEW AND DE-
SPISED! AFTER
HE SAVED THE
ROBOTS BACK TO
THE SURFACE

HE INTENDS
TO ROBOT CURE ME
AS WELL

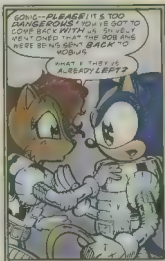
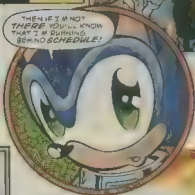
WELL, HOW ABOUT YOU
SET ABOUT EXPLAININ'

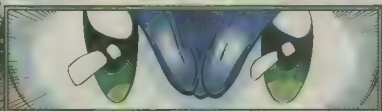
I COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
HOPE TO
ESCAPE WITH-
OUT YOUR
AID!

WHAT YOU
NEED ME
FOR?

HE'S RIGHT
GANG--WE'VE GOT
TO GET OUT OF
HERE JUST GIVE
ME A SEC TO
QUICKLY PUNCH IN
THE COORDINATES
ON NICOLE'S
KEYPAD

AND OUR
SPACE SHUTTLE
... IS HERE IN
MINUTES!





PERFECT

AS THE LAST
OF THE DOBANG,
BOARD MY SHUTTLE
PORT FOR TRANS-
PORT BACK TO
THE SURFACE. I
E LADE MY VICTORY
COMPLETE



WE'VE GONNA
STAND AROUND TALKING
TO OURSELVES ALL DAY
LONG

YOU ARE
SO READY TO
RUMBLE?

THOUGH SHIVELY HAS NO
DOUBT SEEN FIT TO FREE YOU,
YOU'RE TOO LATE YERN!

THE SHUTTLE HAS ALREADY
DEPARTED WITH ALL OF
THE ROBANS

INCLUDING
YOUR BELOVED
RELATIVES.

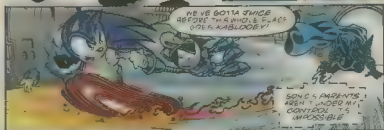
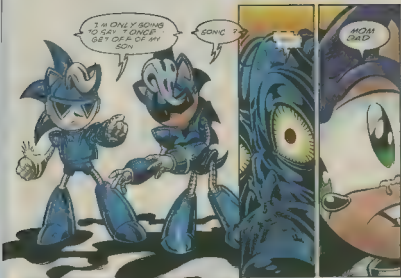
WELL AT LEAST THEY
WON'T BE AROUND WHEN THE
BLONKS TO KINGDOM
COME!

YOUR TRIPLE
SPIN MODE WAS
NEFFECTUAL
-GARNET MY RO
BOTIC HIDE-HON
TO BE EXPECTED TO
HURT UP WITH
ONLY YOUR
BAD HANDS?

YOUR FRIENDS ARE GONE
AND SO IS YOUR FAMILY
SOME ONLY YOU AND I
REMAIN ABOARD BY
GATE 1 TO THE END
DRAWS NEAR

THINK AGAIN
YOU TIN PLATED
TYRANT!

BLONK



NOW!

000

KRAKA-BOOM



I DON'T
UNDERSTAND
MOM AND DAD

ROBOTHIX'S RETURN

HE LEFT THE OTHER ROBOTS IN
A MINDLESS STATE. MOM
AND DAD WEREN'T AFFECTED
THE SAME WAY

WE ARE
REALLY NOT SURE
SON

YOU HAD GONE TO
CASTLE ACORN TO MEET
WITH PRINCESS SALLY
BRINGING ME YOUR MOTHER
YOUR UNCLE CHUCK AND
MUTTSKI TO KNOTHOLE
VILLAGE

TO SHOOT SON

EVERYTHING WAS FINE THEN
SUDDENLY ALL OF THE ROBOTS
AND THE COLONY WERE
GONE. LOAN LEFT IN RESPONSE
TO A WHITE BEACON

YOUR UNCLE DIDN'T EVEN
HEAR US CALL OUT TO
HIM SONIC

THE ANNIVERSARY WEDDING
BANDS THAT YOU GAVE YOUR
MOTHER & DAD STARTED TO GLOW
WERE ATENERS AT THAT MOMENT

WE THINK THERE
MIGHT BE SOME
CONNECTION
BETWEEN THE POWER
RINGS & THE
BANDS AND WE
KEEPING OUR
FREE WILL

--FOR FEAR THAT
ROBOTHIX WOULD REMOVE
OUR WEDDING BANDS

WOW, DA FOOLISH
THING SON, BUT WE'RE
GLAD YOU GOT US AWAY
FROM THERE

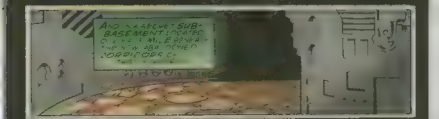
SO AM I BUT
POOR UNCLE CHUCK
AND MUTTSKI

WHEN WE
ACTED, WE AS
KEPT UNDER THE
SAYE SPELL AS
THE OTHERS SO
WE COULD KNOW
WHERE THEY WERE
HEADING

WHEN WE LEARNED
THE AWFUL TRUTH
WE HAD TO KEEP UP
OUR PRETENSE



ONE OF THE
HIDEOUTS



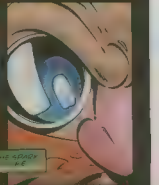
AND A SECRET SUB-
BASEMENT LOCATED
ON THE MILLER ROAD
THE NEW AGE OF THE
JORDON CO.



AN ASSORTMENT OF
ROBOTIC BODIES
AND...



BEHOLD THE
WATLING RE



WE SPARK
ME

SHALL TAKE
MORE THAN A MERE
EXPLOSION TO
GET ME BACK!

THAT
WON'T





SONIC-GRAMS



OFF PANEL by Gallagher, Manak & Anash

THIS JUST IN!

What's up, Sonic fans! There are lots and lots of stuff going on so let's get to it. First off, thanks for picking up Sonic's seventy-fifth issue. This truly is a milestone since most books these days have a hard time passing the fifty mark. It's been said before and it will be said again, it could not have been possible without the support of you, the fans: Thank you! Also, my thanks to Karl B., Steven B., Pam E., Jeff P., Frank G., Josh R., Michael G., Dave H., Jim A., & Spaz/Harvel! Of course, we can't forget to thank our favorite JEGA reps, Jane Thompson and Mari Schaal.

This issue also marks the departure of Paul Castiglia as our Promotional Director. Those of you who have been with us since issue #5 know that Paul used to be a Sonic editor. As you can see from the strip above, we were sad to see him go. Seriously, we wish him all the best as he moves on to greener pastures.

This issue also marks the departure of Steven Butler and Pam Eklund as the regular art team on SONIC THE HEDGEHOG. If you are a fan of their artwork, don't worry — they won't be too far away from the Sonic mythos. They will be taking over the art chores on KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA starting with issue #33. The following is a personal message straight from Steven to you...

"Hi, folks! Steven Butler here saying "bon voyage" to Sonic and crew, while moving to our other title KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA. It's hard to put to words what drawing SONIC THE HEDGEHOG for the past 15 issues has been for me. Let's just put it in a nutshell: "IT'S BEEN A BLAST!" Seriously, coming from a traditional superhero comics background, Sonic presented a unique challenge, as well as a much needed breath of fresh air! I thank Justin and everyone at Archie for giving me the chance to work on this great title, as well as the many fans who have shown their support. You're the real reason we do this stuff in the first place. It's been one wild ride! It's my fondest wish that the same excitement will spill over on to Knuckles. Watch for it! Adios, Amigos!"

With that said, you're probably wondering who will be the new artist on Sonic #76. Check out the next page for the answer and a glimpse of the artwork.

J.F. GABRIE

Editor / Art Director

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Catch you on the flip side!

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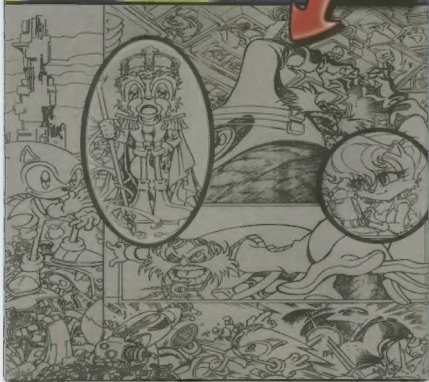
In two weeks: Guest-starring the ever-popular Princess Sally! Sally pays a visit to The Brotherhood of Guardians on The Floating Island on a diplomatic mission on behalf of her father. Will her mission of mercy succeed or fail? Don't miss this issue-length epic!

Check out "My Special Friend" written by Ken Penders with art by Art Mahwinney and Rich Koslowski.

AND NEXT MONTH:

"Business As Usual" written by Karl Boffers. Sonic and The Freedom Fighters are back on Mobius and land in the newly re-christened Robotropolis.

Before heading out to Knothole and rejoining the others, they try to accomplish a dangerous mission with the help of... Snively? Also in the next issue, you will witness the debut of FRY as the new penciler for **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG!** Joining FRY is inker Andrew Papoy (from *Knuckles* fame). Check out his pencils below...



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